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## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

**Commissioner for Patents** Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time under 37 CFR, Section 1.136(a) within which to respond to the Office Action dated 11 September 2003, that is, to and including 11 February 2004. An Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111 is filed concurrently herewith.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge the appropriate extension fee to Deposit Account No. 07-1765. Moreover, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1765. This document is filed in duplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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